コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。
❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助などを任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have antibody against radioactivity.
[2] Name of a special force unit which is composed with these children, 3rd Division.They are assigned to life-saving missions in the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.

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時は西暦2036年。
Dr.コッペリウスに拉致された妻を救出すべく、
東京大学構内へと潜入した掃除係たち。
だが、敵の罠によって爆弾が仕掛けられた
密室へ閉じ込められてしまう‥‥!!
刻一刻と迫るタイムリミットの中、
決死の爆弾解体に挑む達人の運命やいかに!?

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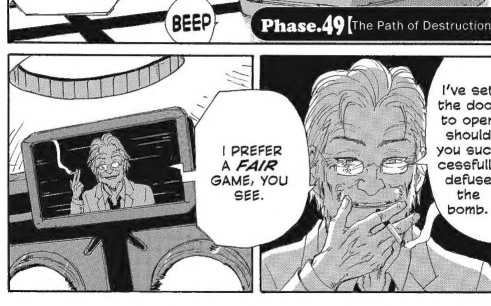
あらかじめ御了承ください。

THE TEMPERATURE OF THAT ROOM WILL INCREASE BY ONE DEGREE CELSIUS EVERY TWO MINUTES.
BEEP
IN TWO HOURS, WHEN THE TEMPERATURE REACHES 80 DEGREES, THE BOMB WILL DETONATE.
BEEP
Phase.49 [The Path of Destruction]


I PREFER A FAIR GAME, YOU SEE.
I've set the door to open should you successfully defuse the bomb.

WELL, HARUTO? CAN YOU SOLVE...
...A PUZZLE FROM ME—YOUR ORIGINAL?

It's seriously gonna get hotter in here!
FWIP
H-Haruto!
Those shiny lamps are givin' off heat!
BEEP
!
FWOOOOO
KRASSH
WHRRRRR
Smash!
De-stroying them won't fix the temper-ature!
Shit... they're vents!

CHK
CHK
Let's take a look inside the case!
...
BEEP
BEEP
KREE
...?!
How's it look? Can you defuse that thing within two hours?!
Haruto!
BEEP
BEEP
...?!

What the hell?
How are you s'posed to defuse that?!
And what is this grid...?
A bell, an hourglass, and a feather?!
What's the plan?! We could send an SOS to the Medical Unit before it's too late—
The temperature keeps rising!
BEEP
77
°C
But I should be able to disable it using a circuit inside this box with the feather mark...
It'll probably detonate the moment I cut any of the wires connected to the fuse.
Stop!

Don't drag Naruse into this.
I'll get us out of here.
...
It's hooot... We shoulda packed some juice...
Haruto...
You'll see... You'll be crying for mercy before long.
You've accepted my challenge, then?
Hm hm hm!

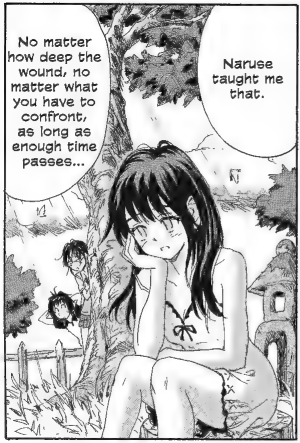
LET'S HEAR FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT BROADCASTING LIVE FROM THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN.
NEWS PLANET
IT APPEARS THERE'S BEEN A DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING THE AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN KAZAKHSTAN.
!
WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS.
REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, SOUTHERN BORDER—
AHEM... BACK TO YOU!
R R
US MARINE TANKS ARE ARRIVING ONE AFTER ANOTHER FROM THEIR POSTS IN AFGHANISTAN—
KOFF
M M
AHEM... HERE ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF KAZAKHSTAN—
KOFF
Perfect timing. Perhaps I shall share this with him.
Hrm...
MEANWHILE, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY VOICES ITS CRITICISM OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY'S RELENTLESS APPROACH —
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE SITUATION IN THE KAZAKHSTAN REGION HAS BECOME CHAOTIC.

It's only been 20 minutes and it's already this bad... Can we make it through this?!
FWOOM
It's already hit 30 degrees, Haruto!
BEEP
Gah ...
It's freaking hot!
We're gonna end up makie at this rate, sis!
...
This circuit is more complex than I expected!
CHK
Don't talk to me! You'll hurt my concentration!
WELL? PERHAPS YOU SHOULD SURRENDER?
!
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME.

Don't be absurd!
G-Gimme!
I'LL LET YOU HAVE A POPSICLE!
Haruto... what on Earth happened to you?
Y-YOU IDIOT! POPSICLES ARE OUR PRIORITY RIGHT NOW!
IF YOU THINK THE HEAT HAS IMPAIRED OUR JUDGMENT, YOU'RE HUGELY MISTAKEN!
PRETTY PLEASE?
...that you've despised me since you were a child.
I know...
...IS EQUAL TO EXTENDING YOUR HAND TO HUMANITY.
ASSISTING IBARA NARUSE...

HUMANS—THEY DID HORRIFYING THINGS TO ALL OF YOU...
DEEP DOWN, YOU STILL LOATHE HUMANITY.

Because I...
...am a *human*.

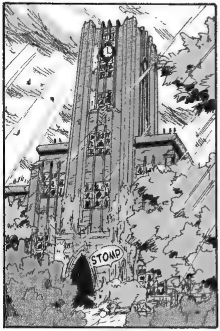

No matter how deep the wound, no matter what you have to confront, as long as enough time passes...
Naruse taught me that.

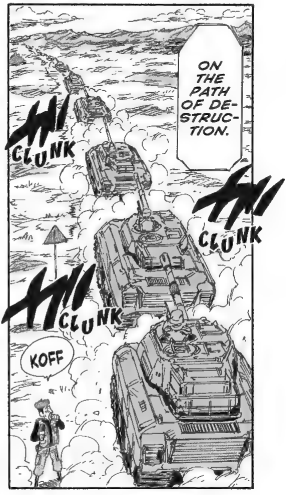
...
That's in the past.
Time is constantly moving forward.

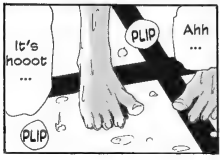
A bright future waits beyond it.
I believe in the path she walks.
?!
WILL YOU STILL BE SO SURE OF THAT AFTER SEEING THIS?
"ATOMIC POWER FOR PEACE."
HIS WORLD ADDRESS WAS CALLED...
PRIME MINISTER NATSUME HAS ANNOUNCED FURTHER GOVERNMENT BACKING, ASSERTING THAT THIS WILL BE THE CATALYST THAT PULLS JAPAN OUT OF THE RECESSION...
FVVT
TAH-DAH!
ORDERS FROM EMERGING NATIONS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS CONTINUE TO POUR IN.

IS THAT TRUE?
Nuclear power for *peace*, hm?
FSST
...WON'T SMALLER COUNTRIES DEVELOP A DESIRE FOR THEM, AS WELL?
CLUNK
CLUNK
CHEW
CHEW
KOFF
SHOULD THE GREAT POWERS BEGIN TO SCRAMBLE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS...
THEY'D SIMPLY NEED TO MANUFACTURE IT IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, THEN STORE IT—
PING
HOWEVER, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE *PLUTONIUM*, THEY COULD MAKE EXPLOSIVES AT ANY TIME.
Of course, they'd face protest from all over the world if that power took the form of nuclear missiles.

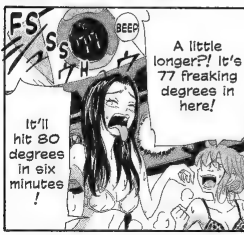
THE WORLD HAS CHOSEN TO LIVE ON THE PATH OF NUCLEAR POWER ONCE AGAIN.
THAT IS THE FUTURE AWAITING HUMANITY, HARUTO.


STOMP

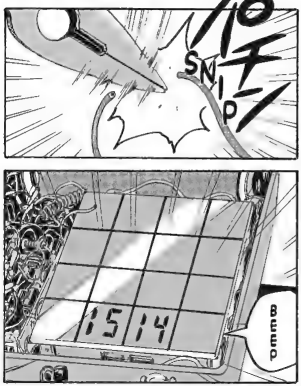

ON THE PATH OF DE-STRUC-TION.
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
KOFF

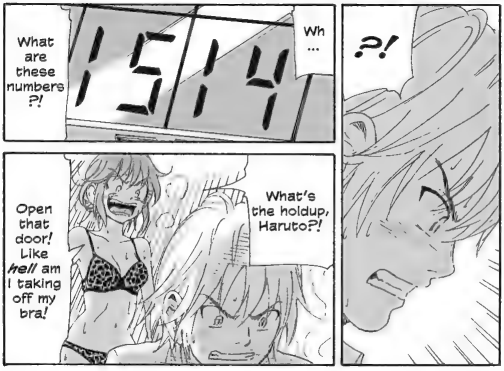

It's hooot ...
PLIP
Ahh ...
PLIP

It's so hot I could diiie!
FWOOOOM
Haruto! Aren't you done yet?!


FSSSSH
BEEP
A little longer?! It's 77 freaking degrees in here!
It'll hit 80 degrees in six minutes!

I'm disabling the last trap now!
Hold on a little longer!
CHK


SNIP
I've connected a bypass wire! All I have to do is cut this, and—
Alright...!
KCHK
BEEP
15:14


What are these numbers?!
15:14
Wh...
?!
What's the holdup, Haruto?!
Open that door! Like *hell* am I taking off my bra!

BEEP
There's only four minutes left, man!
Say what?!
I can only stop it from detonating by inputting the correct numerical sequence!
The grid—it must be for a password to disable the bomb!
Surrender and I'll open the door.
PERHAPS YOU COULD SOLVE THAT PUZZLE—BUT NOT NOW, IN SUCH INFERNAL HEAT.
...
SHE'S CORRECT, HARUTO.
Haruto...!
DO AS I SAY, HARUTO!

!
A bell... an hour-glass... what's their correlation?
78
15... 14...
15 14
BEEP
°C
78
That's it... the feather!
We're outta time!
FLING
FLING
Haruto !!
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ

Wha ...?
I've got it!
WAIT RIGHT THERE, DR. COPPE-LIUS.
WE'LL BE COMING FOR YOU SOON.
P-49 END

BZZ
BZZ
BEEP
Haruto! Only two more minutes before it blows!
It's too hot! We're gonna die!
Phase.50 [Melancholia's Magic Square]

WHA ...?!

I've got it...!

I've seen right through your bomb!
Wait right there, Dr. Coppelius!

Oho-hoho!
Ho...
He understands the puzzle...?!
Can you disable it within the remaining two minutes?!
Well...?
FWAP
This is "Melancholia's Magic Square"!
15
14
There's no mistake—
You seriously figured out that stupid bomb's puzzle?!
Haruto!
SWISH

The subject of the engraving is a melancholic winged angel.
It's from "Melancholia I," an engraving made by artist Albrecht Durer in 1514.
What it signifies...
...reminds me of that picture.
The bell, the hourglass, and the angel's feather...
SWIP
...IS THE FRUSTRATION OF A SCIENTIFIC GENIUS.

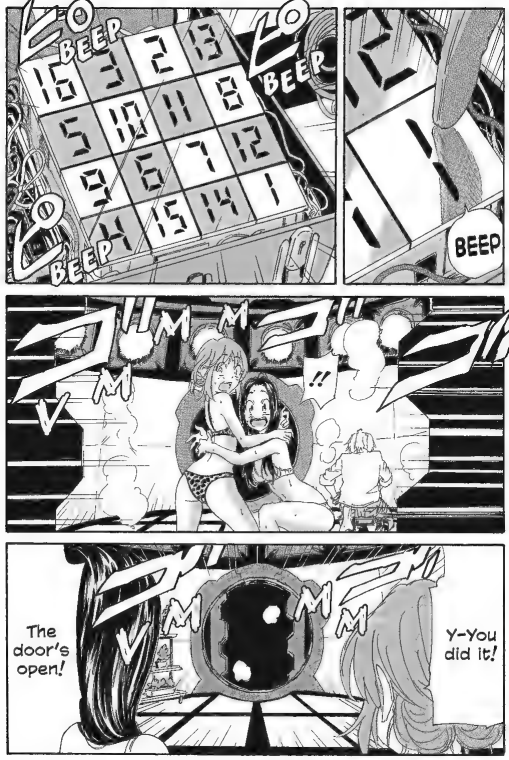
In the engraving, there's a magic square behind the angel... that must be the password!
Yeah ...
I get it! So the numbers were a hint, too!
1514?!
15
14
Get to it!
So all you gotta do is fill in the rest of the grid, right?!
What ?!
Wh...
...I don't remember the other numbers.
That's the only clue we've got?!
Wait ...
...the four-by-four magic square is supposed to add up to 34 in every row and column, as well as both diagonals.
If I recall correctly ...
34
34
34
15
14

Give up and surrender!
You're out of time!
You wouldn't throw away your life because of your *pride*, would you?!
WELL, HARUTO ?
HA HA HA!
...
Rectangles from top to bottom, left to right... alternate diagonally the sum of the remaining numbers squared and the diagonals...
I know there's a way to get the magic constant 34...!
He actually thinks he can solve it?!
CLATTER
He...

He can't solve it in a mere 30 seconds in that heat!
Impossible ...
BEEP
TIME LIMIT
00:30
Im...
BEEP
How much time is left?!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
Im...

I'll reprogram the doors and lock you in for all eternity!
TAK
Damn you...!
I won't lose to you, Haruto!
Hee-hee ...
It's gonna blow!
It's too late!
TIME LIMIT
BEEP

It has to be this sequence!
That's it!
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
I'm too much of a genius to be bested by a mere *clone!*
Hrohh ...


BEEP
16 3 2 13
5 10 11 8
9 6 7 12
4 15 14 1
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
!!
The door's open!
Y-You did it!

PHEW
Damn-nation!
D...
BAM
I'm the original!
How ?!
Impoe-sible!
A copy, posing a threat to his original ?!

Sic 'im!
STOMP
STOMP
Let's head through that door and have our fill of sweet revenge!
Hell, yeah!
CLANG
Did you forget about the glass wall?
SUH-LAM

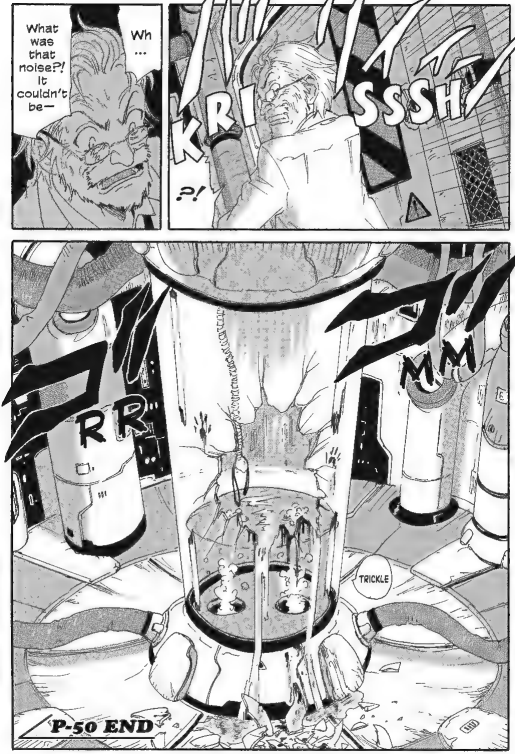
KRASH!
Curses ...
They're coming this way!
...
I won't let them have it!
It took so long for me to obtain this doll...
E5

Meisa Ichikawa! Where are you?!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
SWISH
RETURN TO THE UNDERGROUND LAB IMMEDIATELY!
I'M WAITING FOR YOU, MEISA!
TCH

KCHK
E'IAI-
V-WE-E-N
That bastard!
Where is he?! I'm gonna kill 'im!
DRAG
Red laser beams!
Wn-What're those?!
Fall back, you two!
SKID
It's a trap!

VWTEEN
SHOOM
SLASH
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
The power switch

POOF
...
...is here!
SMASH
TMP
HUFF
Damn...
HUFF
TMP
Ain't nobody gonna stop us...
SWIP
...when we're on the hunt!
Sealing this door...
...should buy me some time!
CHK
WHOO

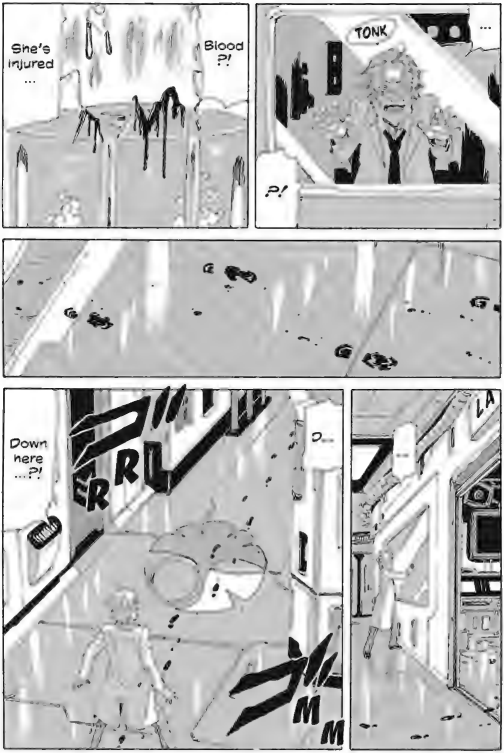

What was that noise?! It couldn't be—
Wh...
KRI
SSSH
?!
RR
MM
TRICKLE
P-50 END

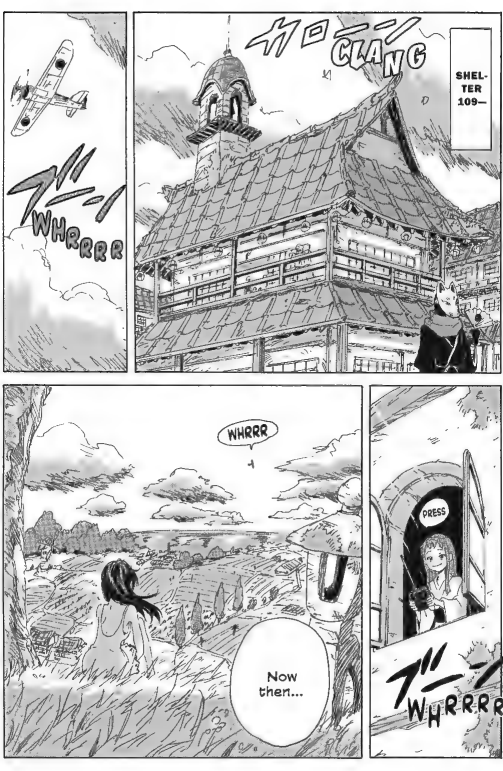
BZZ
EMER-
GENCY.
EMER-
GENCY.
BIOHAZARD
LEVEL 4.
E5
BZZ
Phase.51 [Guardian Angel]

Oh,
no...

BZZZ
Oh
...

Aoi Fukasaku has awakened ...!
RRR
MM


She's injured ...
Blood ?!
TONK
...
?!
Down here ...?!
D...
ERR
HMM
...
LA

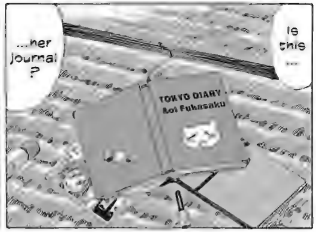

WHRRR
CLANG
SHEL-
TER
109—
WHRRR
PRESS
Now
then...
WHRRR

FWUMP
Oh!

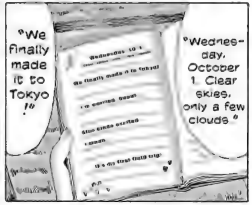
You're a workaholic, Miss Taeko.
I'd best get our things together...
Stack
Stack

?
Aoi's bag...

FLIP
TOKYO DIARY
Aoi Fukasaku


...her journal?
Is this...
TOKYO DIARY
Aoi Fukasaku

"I mean, it's my first field trip!"
"I'm worried, but... also kinda excited."


"We finally made it to Tokyo!"
"Wednesday, October 1. Clear skies, only a few clouds."

"I'm so jealous. I wanna be famous, too!"
"Thursday, October 2. Big news! Our vice principal was on TV!"
You shouldn't just go through somebody's diary...
FLIP
TOKYO DIARY
Aoi Fukasaku
FLIP
TOKYO DIARY
Aoi Fukasaku
Guardian... Angel?
What in the world —?
I DESCEND FROM THE HEAVENS. GUARDIAN ANGEL
Huh ?!

But it's only ever been the three of us—
Somebody else?
Did somebody else write that?
The handwriting's different!
HEAVENS.
GUARDIAN
ANGEL
...wrote this?
Who on Earth ...
Shion! Can't you punch through this thing?!
WHAM
It's too thick! My hand hurts!
THROB
We know you're in there, Dr. Coppelius!
Dammit! Open up!
BAM
BAM

SLOW
That's Dr. Coppelius' bomb!
Wait ...
We'll use this.
KA
BO
OM
!!
But it'll be sufficient enough for one door—
TUNK
I modified it to reduce the blast.
From the other side of the door.
No! That noise was—
DASH
I-It blew!

Hm... hm hm!
...
BZZT
KOFF
H
WOOO
So it's finally awakened...
The completed Coppelion ...!

SWISH
PLIP
WHOOO

Yes! This is the scientific miracle I've chased after for so long...
One who reigns over the laws of physics!

Ohh ...
Mag-nifi-cent!
HAW
HAO

FUKA-SAKU?
AOI...
I am your master!
Descend, Aoi Fuka-saku!
?!
BOOM
BZZT
BZZT
KOFF
"Re-duced the blast," my ass!
God...
Haruto ?!

Aoi Fukasaku is *our* special toy.
Let's proceed.
But the door's open, right?
HUFF
HUFF
STOMP
STOMP
And we're gonna take her back, Dr. Coppelius!
What is it, Aoi Fukasaku?!
Do you not hear me?!

GLARE
The enemy will be here soon!
Cut them down with your might!
Gah! My lab coat!
FWAP
Hot ...!
BWOOM
?!!
HFF
HFF

I TIRE OF THIS.
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
Y...
You...
I SHALL ALLOW YOU TO WITNESS MY DIVINE POWERS.
DASH
Damn!
This wasn't part of the plan...!
...

TMP
TMP
!
HUFF
That ...
...is *not* Aoi Fukasaku!
HUFF
Where are you keeping Aoi Fukasaku?!
Dr. Coppelius!
SQUEE
FLASH
!!
Wh-What?!

Whoa —!
Gah ...!
WHUMP
...
She's coming!
WHOOSH

RR
MM
Who are you?
RR
MM
You...
HUFF
WHOOO
MINE NAME IS...
... GUARDIAN ANGEL IZANAMI.
P-51 END

R R
M M
Who in the world...
Phase.52 [Izanami's Rebellion]

...are you?

MINE NAME IS...
...GUARDIAN ANGEL IZANAMI.

Izanami?
Guard-ian Angel ...
Izanami? What the hell?
Has she gone delusional?!
... knocked a few screws loose, huh?!
...
She's ...
YOU THERE. THOU ART THE WICKED OLD DEMON!?
...!
Guardian Angel Izanami...
I think I've heard that some-place...

Some-thing's not right!
Wait ...
Who're you callin' demons, huh?!
Wh ...?
NAMAH SAMANTA YE SVAHA...
OM KILI KILI VAJRA HUM PHAT...

NAMAH SAMANTA YE SVAHA...
HWO
...
OO
OM KILI KILI VAJRA HUM PHAT...
Run for it!
Shit!
Ex-cuse me!
DASH
Well ...
DIVINE SONIC BLAST!!
VWO
PREPARE THYSELF!
OM

ZRRR
Gyah !!
RR
MM
KRAK
RRR
KRUNCH

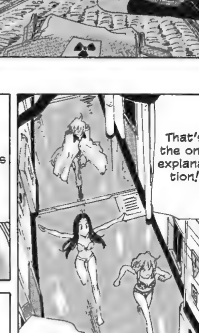
Close... the door!
RR
Over here, Kanon!
MM
04
CLANG
WHUD

Oi...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Is she...
...possessed? By an evil spirit or something?
That wasn't Aoi Fukasaku!
What the hell *was* that?!
This is a *psychological* issue.
TAP
No, she is not.
!

You rat bastard... I'll kill you!
BZZT
You did something to her!
!!
STOMP
Dr. Coppelius...!
What the hell?!
Wh...
You'll need my assistance to return her to normal!
You'll never get Aoi Fukasaku back if I'm dead!
...
Kanon! Fall back for now!
BAM
She's here!
BAM

I DESCEND FROM THE HEAVENS. GUARDIAN ANGEL
Split personalities?!

...that Aoi Fukasaku has another, separate personality—
It follows...


That's the only explanation!
Aoi Fukasaku's current behavior doesn't match her profile data by even 1%!

You saw her back there!
Oh, gimme a break!
Alternate personalities aren't "guardian angels"! This isn't some retarded anime!

It's an anime, sis!
STAND
STAND
Wh-What is it, Shion?!
I got it!
!
...there was this anime called "Guardian Angel Izanami"!
Umm... when I was thiiis small...
An anime?!
She's from that anime!
Her special pose was the same, too!
GUARDIAN
ANGEL IZANAMI
Wh...?
What?!

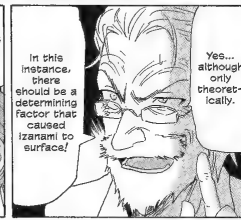
If Aoi Fukasaku watched that anime when she was very young, as well—
No... hold on...
Argh! That doesn't make sense!
An anime character...?
Did Aoi Fukasaku suffer from some kind of psychological trauma in the past?
Perhaps you have some knowledge of this?
...as a *defense mechanism*, due to the dominant personality experiencing great distress.
Dissociative identity disorder typically manifests...
What gives?! I didn't do anything, moron!
Wh...
If Aoi Fukasaku used that anime to escape each time she faced torment, then...
Whatever the case...

That personality...
...Guardian Angel Izanami...
...emerged from a fantasy world...
...to protect Aoi Fukasaku.

You said you can bring her back to her senses, right?!
You, crazy master-mind scientist!

...

She's never had a complete personality switch before.
That's true.


In this instance, there should be a determining factor that caused Izanami to surface!
Yes... although only theoretically.

What the heck are they? Twins?
Exactly!
That's it! We inject her with a drug that can stop the effects of the *first* drug!

Then it may very well be the effect of a drug I administered to her!

O.M KIL! KIL!...

Yeah! Izanami's got these amazing divine super-powers!

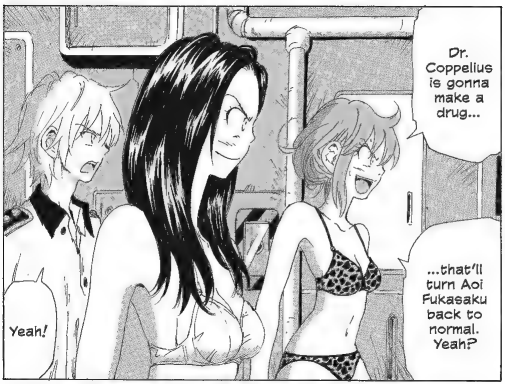
Shit... Did she break through the wall?!
KRRRSH
!!

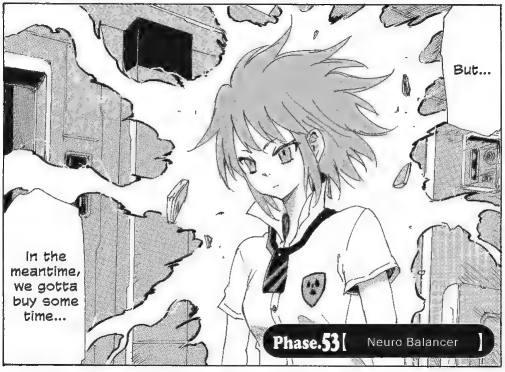
DRIP
That's only in the anime, idiot!
She de-scended from the heavens, where all the gods live!

Little miss "Guardian Angel" is *right behind us!*
Wha?!
But it will take some time!
I'll create a drug to seal away the alternate personality!
TMP
TMP
Please... lend me your aid!
HUFF
We have no choice!
BEEP
HUFF
You're gonna try and escape on your own!
Why you...!
GRIND
GRIND
...while I work on the drug!
Keep that monster busy...

We have to bring that doll under control, or there'll be even bigger trouble!
Haruto, you at least should understand!
Get to work on that drug!
We'll lead Izanami to the surface!
This crap is more than we bargained for ...
GRRRMMM
Tch...
Best of luck!

KRAK
I'll knock you back into the anime world!
If it's come down to this... I'm a chick, too.
Bring it on!
Guard-ian Angel Izanami!
P-52 END


Dr. Coppelius is gonna make a drug...
...that'll turn Aoi Fukasaku back to normal. Yeah?
Yeah!


But...
In the meantime, we gotta buy some time...
Phase.53[Neuro Balancer]

DASH!!
Move!
We'll lead Guardian Angel Izanami to the surface!

'TWAS THEY WHO BROUGHT CALAMITY UPON MINE CLAN...
THE WICKED OZU DEMONS ...
MEEP!
BLEH!
...
THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE.
...
STOMP
STOMP
She seems to have several years' worth of a grudge against you two!
STOMP
Okay, she's following us!

...
DRIP
BUBBLE BUBBLE
BUBBLE BUBBLE
GLUB GLUB
KRAK
...must be the fluid from the cylinder where I kept her!
The factor that caused Aoi Fukasaku's second personality to emerge ...
If I put this to good use...
A *neuro balancer.*
It's a powerful stabilizing chemical, properly called:
GLUB GLUB

Why do I have to be in all the battles?
Groooan!
Sleepy.
Blah...
MYOO
?
Oh... that's not it?
...
I'm not upset about the flower thing, okay? Sheesh.
What do you want, water flea?
WAVE
WAVE

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
?!
Those two!
The Ozu sisters!
SWAP
Hee ?!
?!
STOMP
STOMP

Isn't that Aoi Fukasaku?!
Wh...?
SHWOOSH
PLINK
!!
BWOOM
TOSS
FSST

Duck if you wanna live!
Haruto!
BOOM
!
FWOOM
KOFF KOFF
Got caught in the blast... ow...
...
SHOOO
KABOOM

WHOOOSH
SHOOO
?!
Head for a wider street!
Move us out!
I tooold you! Izanami can create a divine shield!
No good. She's still going strong!
CLANG
CLUNK
CLUNK
If you want a street fight, you've got one!
Aye aye, Cap'n!

CLUNK
254
KASUGA STREET
CLUNK
We're on Kasuga Street!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Alright!
I told you, that's only in the anime!
???
(BEEP)
She thinks we're foes of the Seraph Clan!
CLUNK
Izanami's still followin' us!
How's that drug coming?!
Dr. Coppelius!
CLUNK

CAN YOU HOLD OUT?!
IT'LL ONLY BE A TRIFLE LONGER!
...
I'm strengthening the fluid's concentration and putting it into a bullet!
This is the Doctor!
HOLY RECKONING!
FLASH
Get down, Shion!
FWAP
She's coming!
Hrah!
WHR

KA-
BOOM
...
Bukuro?! How's fleeing into the city gonna help?!
We'll buy some time there!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
Keep going this way, toward Ikebukuro!

BWOOT
Sh-
She's
boarded
us!
CLANG
!
BAM
!!
GRAB

Nice one, Shion!
KRRRSH
GWIIII SH
Sis!
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
BUNKYO CIVIC HALL
We're goin' in!

KRRSH
KRASSH
KRAK
GLARE
Haha! You dead?!
FSSH
FSSH
WHUMP

RRMM
!!
Oh crap... she's mad!

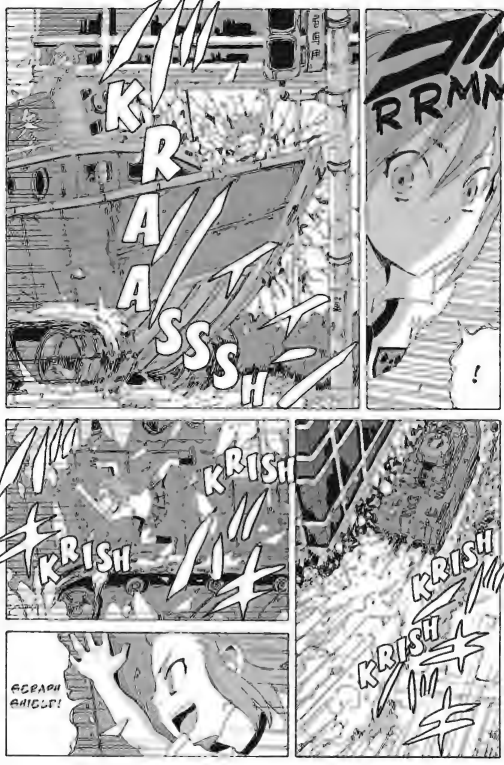
RRR
MM
HWOOOT
TWIRL
BOOM
BOOF
FWAP
Tch ...
Yessir, Cap'n!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Speed us up, Kanon!
Is she playing with us?!
That bitch!

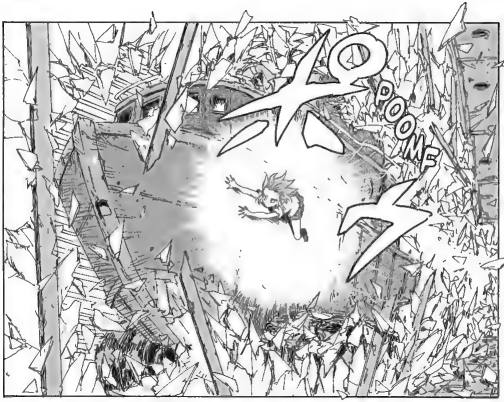
What's with that outfit?
Dr. Coppelius?
?
SKREEE
Need a lift, Meisa Ichikawa?
VRRRRRM
We're heading for Ikebukuro.
P-53 END

Phase.54 [Destroyer of Worlds]

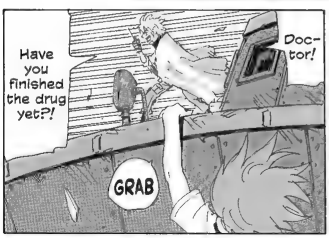
CLUNK
Is that Ikebukuro?!
CLUNK

Do we stay our course?!
What now, Haruto?!
Keep us on the run for now!
Weave between the buildings—
...a plan!
Aha! Sounds like...
FWAP
CLUNK
CLUNK


KRAASSSSH
RRMM
!
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
KRISH
SCRAPH SHIELD!


POOM
F

I *told* you!
N-No fair! She's got a divine shield?!


Have you finished the drug yet?!
Doc-tor!
GRAB

!
HARUTO, THIS IS DR. COPPE-LIUS!
FVVT

VRMMM
My apologies for the wait!
VROOO
This genius is headed for Ikebukuro as we speak!
I'll meet you there!
Uh-huh!
GRIP
Here goes, Meisa! Hang on!

CLUNK
CLUNK
VROOO
FWSH
Kick her off!
What are you waiting for, Haruto?!
CLANG
Guardian Angel Izanami ...
What is it you want?!

...THE DESTROYER OF WORLDS.
I AM BECOME DEATH...
Why are you here?!
THIS REALM IS FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH WICKED DEMONS...
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES HAVE I WATCHED YOUR KIND, THOSE WHO CREEP UPON THE GROUND.
NOW, TO BEGIN...
...IN A WASTELAND SUCH AS THIS.
I CANNOT ABANDON AOI FUKASAKU, DESCENDANT OF THE SERAPH CLAN...

Take this!
CHK
!!
VMMM
BTOOM
!!
VROOM
Here we go!
Yeek!
Over there!
Near Sunshine City?!

CLUNK
CLUNK
!
Sh-She blew off the cannon!
KOFF
RR
MM
OM KILI KILI!
CLUNK
CLUNK
That's ...
... Capital Expressway!

Oh no ...!
It's collapsing!
KRAK
KRAK
Take evasive action! We'll be caught under it!
How can I do that when she blew up the helm?!
RR
MM

ズドーン
BOOM
ﾍｯﾍｯﾍｯ!!
VRM
VRM
VRM
ZRR
ZMM
Another grandiose display of destruction...
CHK
VRM
VRM

CLUNK
TEAR
...
KRAK
Are you two okay?!
Kanon ?!
Ugh ... ahuhn ...
!!
She's stuck! I can't pull her out!

No biggie... I can't feel any pain.
Heh ...
How badly are you injured ?!
Kanon !
This debris is too big for even Shion to move.
...
Izanami ...!
!

Tch!
FWAP
I SHALL SEND YOU TO THE REALM OF THE DEAD.
NO MATTER.
SWISH
BDMP
A VOICE SPEAKS IN MY HEAD-
WHO'S THERE?!
?!
AHHHH...
AH...

Just in time ...
Dr. Coppelius!

Perhaps the voice plaguing you is that of Aoi Fukasaku?
Guardian Angel Izanami...
!

HENG ...
AOI... FUKASAKU?

What do you think will happen when it wears off completely?

You emerged because of a drug I gave her.
But the drug is starting to wear off.

That's right... the "Aoi Fukasaku" personality will take over once again.

Taking it will allow you to remain in this world for a time.
This is a neuro balanc-er.
Doctor, what are you saying?!
...?!
That drug won't turn her back to normal?!
Do you understand me, Izanami?
However... I am the only one capable of making this drug.
You planned this, Dr. Coppelius?
...

BSSH
Truly an obedient deity.
Ho ho ho!
HWOOO
P-54 END

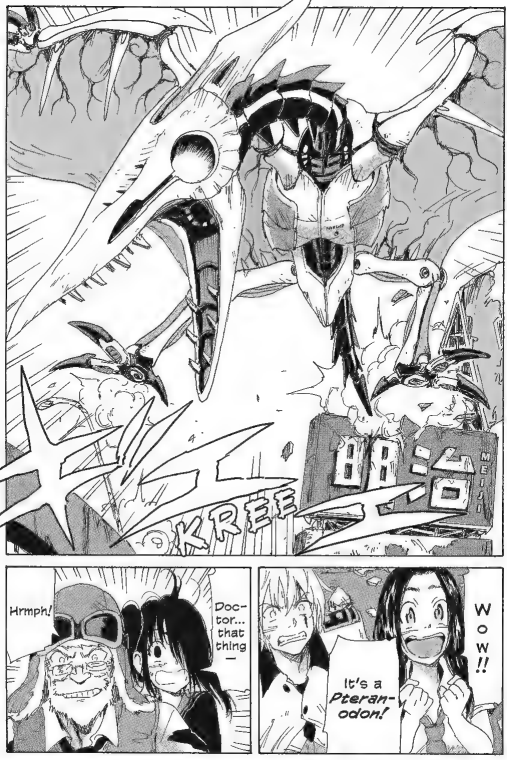
What will you do now, Haruto?
Ho ho ho!
Phase.55【Ikebukuro's Flying Monster】

...
?!

You've lost.

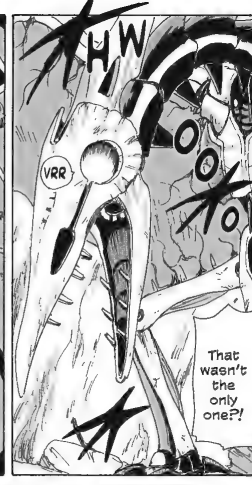
KER
P1

What was that shadow?!
Wh...
SWEEP
That silhouette...
It's coming...
...this way!


KREE
Hrmph!
Doc-tor... that thing —
It's a Pteran-odon!
Wow!!

KRI SS SHT
It's a Fossiloid!
Do you know what that is, Kanon?!
A Fossiloid ?!
Crap... Don't tell me...
We ran into one at Mori Tower in Roppongi Hills!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
PRIMARY TARGET
AOI FUKASAKU


HW
VRR
That wasn't the only one?!

GRARR

MATCH IDENTIFIED
BEEP

FLOAT
GRRASH
Flee, Izanami!
Oh, no!
KREE
I TIRE OF THIS.
COME, MONSTER OF THE UNDERWORLD.
VRR

!!
POOMF

Kanon, this may be a bit rough!
Now's our chance!
CHK

It's after Izanami P!
The robot ...

FLING
Heh ...
Do it quick!
KRAK
KRAK
ドカーン!
KABOOM
...
ボゴ!!
CRUMBLE
Ohh?!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

!
TMP
TMP
Haruto ?!
FWAP
RRR
MMM
Look, look!
Doc-tor!
He'll interfere with my plans again... hrmph!
...If I let him go...
We'll take cover for now!
DASH
Hang on, sis!

KRRRSH
!!
THOU ART NO MATCH FOR THE GRAPH CLAN.
HOW AMAZING ...
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!
SSSH
Wahh! The Pteranodon crashed!
This way! Run, Shion!

ZOOM
TAK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KREEROO
BEEP
SECONDARY TARGET
SECONDARY TARGET
DR. COPPELIUS
KRISH
KRISH
!!

KRR
RSH
Now it's after us!
Wh ...?
Sis!
Gah ...!
FSSSH
It's comin' down the alley!
KRISH
KRISH
Wahh!

Like, who sent that robot? And why?
Hey, Dr. Coppelius ...
Darned if I know why, but the tide has turned in our favor!
Ho-hoho!
They'll be desperate to get their claws on her.
GLANCE
Hm hm... you'll know before long.
...of the Goddess of Destruction— and her genome map...
On the terrible night...

WHUD
HUFF
HUFF
WHUD
Keep running!
We're almost to Ikebukuro Station!
WHUD
It's...
It's still chasing us!
WHUD
WHUD
LOCK ON

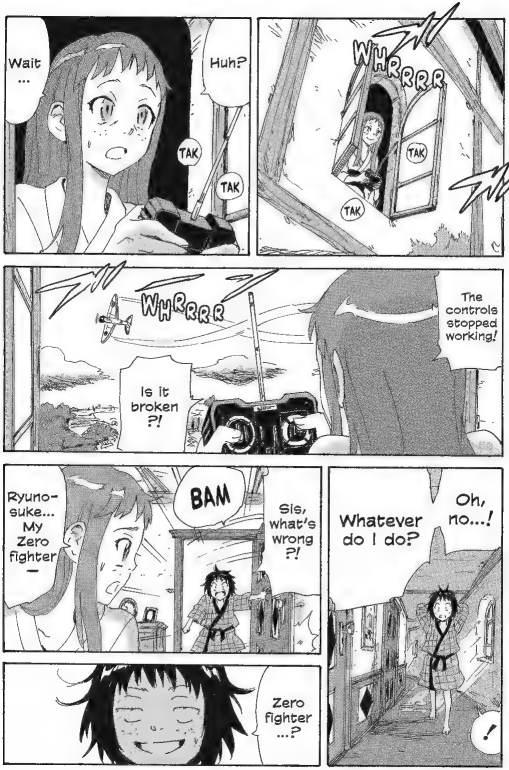
WHAM
!!
KRRRSH
KRRRSH
WOOSH

VRR
VRR
MM
FWUMP
...
Urgh
...
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
LIFE SIGNS DETECTED
BEEP

HUFF
HUFF
GRAB
Oh...
Oh... no...
This is... the Cleanup Crew...
RR
MM
SOS... to Representative Ibara Naruse...!
P-55 END

RR
SOS... to Representative Ibara Naruse...
This is the Cleanup Crew...!
MM
Phase.56 [Help Me, Ibara!]
CLANG
CLINK
Help...
It's gonna kill us...
CLANG

PLEASE... COME AND SAVE US!
WHRRRR
IBARA NARUSE!


Wait ...
Huh?
TAK
TAK
WHRRRR
TAK
TAK
WHRRRR
The controls stopped working!
Is it broken ?!
Ryuno-suke... My Zero fighter —
BAM
Sis, what's wrong ?!
Whatever do I do?
Oh, no...!
!
Zero fighter ...?

AND, AND, UM... WE'RE HIDIN' IN A STORE!
IT'S ANOTHER FOSSIL BOT!
CLANG
KRISH

団子
Eh?
Slow down, Shion!

Oh, no... where are you?!
Fossil bot... a Fossil-loid?!
MURMUR

Ibara, she's...
I...

UMM... SOMETHIN'-BUKURO! PLEASE, COME SAVE US!
IT'S SUPER STRONG—
FVVT
YOU HAVETA BRING IBARA NARUSE!

AHUUHN ...
I'M SO SCARED!
...
FVVT
HELP, REP!
WHUD
WHUD
Please hurry!
Or it's gonna eat us up!
DRAG
Is it a battle?! We have plenty of weapons!
RAA
It's times like this we have to help each other!
We'll help, if you don't mind us...
MUMU
Did something happen?
I have to be strong ...
Ibara can't take charge yet...

That's in the forest ruins... We're not allowed to go in there.
Aw... It's stuck on the crane!
Aha! I found your Zero fighter!
I'll be right back!
It's nothin'!
Ah! Ryunosuke, wait! It's too dangerous!
DASH
I'll go get it for ya, sis!
KCHK
カチャ

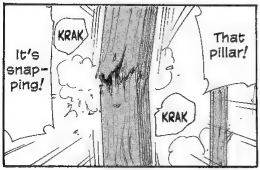
Mr. Asimov ...!
?!
Going alone?
He says he wants to come along, as well.
HUFF
HUFF
CHK
CHK
You need a body-guard, yes?
?!
Hm? What is it?
Mr. Wolf...
Thank you. Both of you!

NO EN
Hup!
TMP TMP TMP TMP
I-I'm gettin' my sister's plane!
Stop right there!
Hold it, Ryuno-suke!
Didn't ya see that sign? You can't go in there!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Sheesh
Huh?
SKREE

It says no entry, y'know!
ゴロ..
ROLL
TAP
TAP
Okay, it's up there!
TMP
TMP
Hup!
Easy peasy!
CLANG

You sure you'll be okay with just the two of you... and the wolf?
Yes, Mama Akiko.
CHATTER
CHATTER
We're depending on you, Asimov!
We'd only drag you down if we came... sorry.
...
?!
SPLASH
SHUDDER
SHUDDER

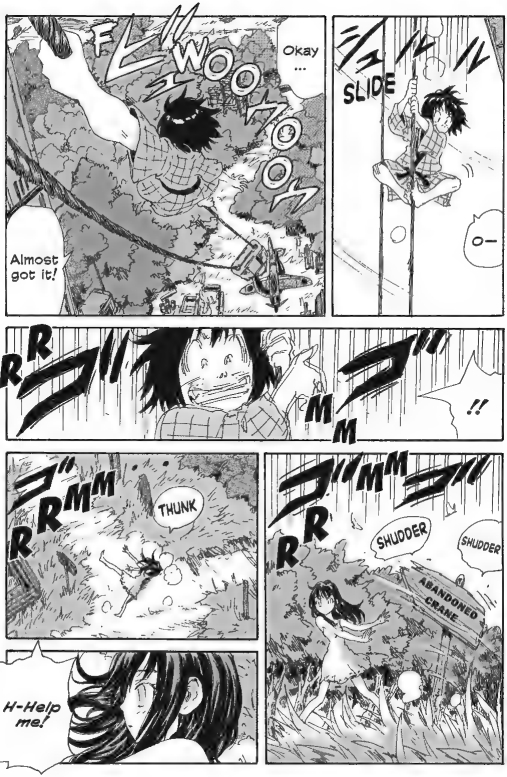
KREEK
KREEK
KREEK
S-Stay calm, everyone!
Eek! It's an earthquake!
!!
RRR
MMM


KRAK
KRAK
It's snapping!
That pillar!

Oh!
Ahh! It's a big one!
RRR
MMM

Everyone, take shelter! Put out any fires!
Well done, Mama Akiko!
R
MM

Oh!!
GWSH
Hrohh!


WOOO

Ohh ...
Is it finally over?!
Fire!
There's smoke over there!
Oh no... quick, put it out!
Every-one ...
S-Stay calm—
Injured over here!
Move it, yer in my way!
We need water! Get the hose!
...
Some-body help... hee, huff!
What?! What's wrong, Mr. Baier?!
Ryuno-suke's—

I'm slipping ...!
I'm...
SLIDE
I'm gonna faaall!
Some-body heeelp!
FIIW
OOOOO
Ibara!
I—
Some-body!
S...
Oh...!
I'm gonna fall... Ibaraaa!
Heeelp!

Heeelp!
Please ...

I can't do it...
I knew it...

My voice is too quiet...

...to reach anyone!

In a crisis like this, we need...
...someone fierce and passionate, someone who can lead us...
That's right...

Help ...
Ibara!
SHWISSSH

Ibara ...!
Taeko ...
What's goin' on?
P-56 END

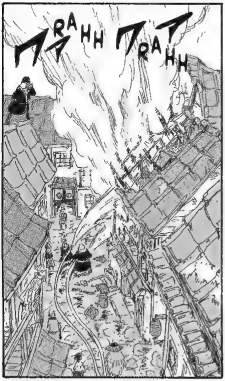
I—
Ibara!
Phase.57【 Fire of the Heart 】

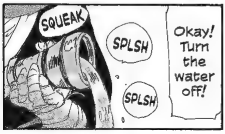
Is that ...
... smoke?

Taeko ...
What's goin' o—

DASH
We've gotta go help!
Cop-pelion, move out!

Yes, she is! And full of spirit!
Whoo hoo! Ibara's back to normal!


TRAHH TRAHH


SQUEAK
SPLSH
SPLSH
Okay! Turn the water off!

Hurry up, Taeko!
Wait, Ibara!
THUD

We'll start inspecting the buildings right away!
Anyone injured, head over there!
FSSSH
Thank goodness it didn't spread to another building.
Phew... We managed to put the fire out.
Don't worry, we can take care of the rest.
Thanks, Ibara!
TONK
There might be aftershocks, so make for the fields!
It's okay! Stay calm, everybody!
CHATTER
CHATTER
Shouldn't you be heading to your classmates' rescue?
Really? But—
Good thing the JGSDF's here!

The Cleanup Crew's in trouble!
O-Oh, Ibara! That's right!
Class-mates? Rescue? What are you talking about?
Huh?!
WHUD
...
KRAK
KREEOOO

KRAK
KRAK
!!
It must be hungry ...!
It's still after us!
WHUP
KREEOOO
Ahuuu!
Run! This way!
KREE
W...
Wahh! It found us!

BAM

He's alive?!
Haruto ...

I remember... I met him under a tree...
No...

I need to start that far back?!
I...
Oh my goodness ...

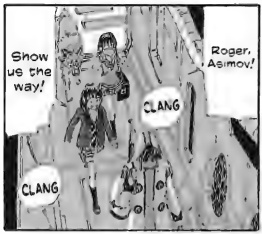
So it wasn't just a dream...!
Haruto—bwah!
FWAP!
Here's a fresh uniform, Ibara!
There's no time. Hurry!
CLENCH
Alright. Let's move!
...Wait, where to?!

TMP
TMP
We'll hide in here!
Hang in there, sis!
Ikebukuro Station!
EBUKU
ATIO
Shit ...
Can it track us?!
SWISH
S-Sis?!
BEN

This must be the wound.
EMERGENCY SHELTER
She won't wake up! Hic!
Don't cry! She's lost a lot of blood...
...
SWIP
I'll have to perform emergency treatment.
Huh?!
You're sick, too? You cut?
FLICK
Sh!
Sis said not to!

SHNK
This is healing magic.
Don't worry.
It should work as an hemostatic agent.
My blood has strong regeneration powers.
PLIP
PLIP
Let's go farther in.
...
So you're a wizard!
Ooh!

FWAP!!
Prepa-
rations
com-
plete!
Alright
...


Show us the way!
Roger, Asimov!
CLANG
CLANG

There's a short-cut this way.
Our destination is Ikebukuro, correct?

About Aoi... the thing is—
Um, Ibara...

Dr. Coppelius abducted her.
Right?

I know.

Yes...
And the Cleanup Crew left to get her back.

But...
They encountered another powerful Fossiloid...
The situation keeps worsening ...

Can we really ...
...escape from this darkness?

In my dreams ...
...I kept seeing *fire.*

Fire?
That fire...
...wouldn't go out, no matter how strong the wind or rain.

KCHK
...that's the fire burning in our *hearts*.
I think...
CLUNK
CLUNK
As long as our fire doesn't go out...
...there's always a way forward!

WHOOO
FUKUTOSHIN LINE
SHIBUYA
This is...
The Fukutoshin Line's Shibuya Station?!
We're going to run all the way to Ikebukuro?!
Wr...?
...if we cut through the subway.
We'll make it to Ikebukuro in a flash...
FWIP

It's—
Ohh!
Unimog? What a peculiar name.
A Unimog! We can see this!
BAM
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109
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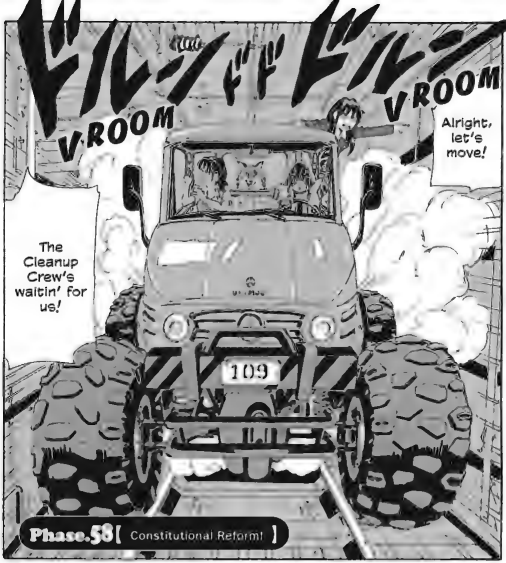
ドルルルルン
VROOM
VROOM
Alright, let's move!
The Cleanup Crew's waitin' for us!
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KCHK
CLUNK
Our destination: Ikebukuro.

VROOOM
Unimog, roll out!
SHIBUYA
JINGUMA

VROOM
Roger! Let's hurry!
He says the subway tunnels will get us there in 10 minutes!
Haruto ...!

PLIP
PLIP
SPLSH
PLIP
It's a robot
Humans made it.
Do you think the Pteranodon...
...went someplace else?
A robot?
Hmm... Is it somebody's toy?

esora
I'm sure there's somebody out there who likes toys.
Maybe ...
CLOP
CLOP
Open it up
Nothing to report, Secretary Ouga!
SWAP
NAGOYA 3RD DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
CLOP

How are you holding up?
Hello, Mishima.
CLOP

プシュー…
PSSSH

I could never let go of a soldier as excellent as you.
Don't be so angry.

How many years will I be locked up? Or will you have me discharged?

Speak, Ougai!
What are you planning?

CLOP
…
CLOP

...article nine, which renounces war, requires some... reinterpretation.
For our country to truly be independent...
...was constitutional reform, correct?
...The Self-Defense Force's greatest wish...

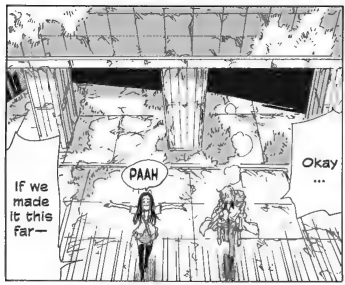
TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE: COMING TO THE AID OF AN ALLY UNDER ATTACK. JAPAN IS THE ONLY NATION TO DECLINE THIS RIGHT BECAUSE OF THEIR POST-WW2 CONSTITUTION.

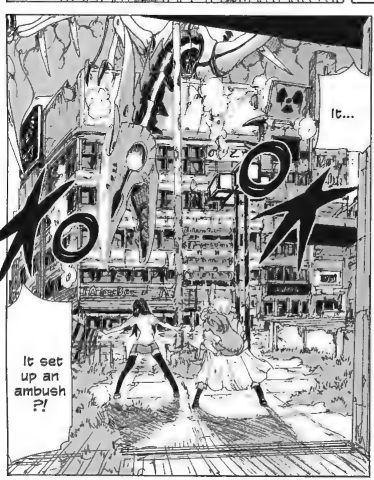
Dunno... Probably still locked up.
GLUG
Whatever happened to Vice Principal Mishima?
CLUNK
POST
Phew ...
TMP
TMP
Huh ?
...Then what's that?
We're returning to the conference in Kyoto.
Ibuse.
And the Cabinet Secretary?!
Vice Principal!
HEHAO

This will be the *real* conference.
We have a new agenda to discuss.
But didn't it already end?!
The Eco Summit?!
Excuse us.
TMP
Watch over the base.
What's happening?!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
What the heck?!
Wh...

SLAR
R
GIMM
PHG
KRISH
COMMANDS
ATTACK
DEFEND
FLEE
ITEM
BEEP
WIND DIRECTION: NW
LO
BEEP
LIFE SIGNS DETECTED...
POP
HWOO...
FLARE
CANNON
MISSILE
POISON GAS
FREEZE
BEEP

Some-thin' smells sweet ...
SNIFF
SNIFF
PLIP
PLIP
Soro
Esoro
That's —
Th...
What ?!
...
SNIFF
SNIFF
The West Exit! We'll leave from there!
Wh-Where to?!
TMP
TMP
Don't breathe it in! Run!
FWAP
Nerve gas!


If we made it this far—
PAAH
Okay ...
HUFF
西口
West Exit
出口
HUFF
Here!


It set up an ambush ?!
It...
KRE

Here It comes !
GRARR
KRI
SSSH

WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
The West Exit Park! We can't be out in the open like this—
Crap ...
?!
WHUD

WHOOSH
STOMP
Waah! It's chasing us down!
STOMP
Run !!
?!
RRR
BEEP ?!
STOMP
W...
We're done for!
STOMP
STOMP

VROOOOM
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Narusе!!
Speed up!!

BVROOM
Waaah!
RR
MM
It's flying!
It's coming after us!
WOOSH

We'll talk later, Naruse!
BDMP
O...
VROOM
Okay! Full speed ahead!
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